

Section 7.50(b)(91.1), Title 14, California Code of regulations is amended to read:

(91.1) Anadromous Waters of the Klamath River Below Iron Gate Dam (Lower Klamath River Basin). The regulations in this subsection apply only to waters of the Klamath River system which are accessible to anadromous salmonids. They do not apply to waters of the Klamath River which are inaccessible to anadromous salmon and trout, for example, portions of the Klamath River system upstream from Iron Gate Dam, portions of the Trinity River system above Lewiston Dam, and the Shasta River and tributaries above Dwinnel Dam. Fishing in these waters is governed by the General Regulations for non-anadromous waters of the North Coast District (see Section 7.00(a)(5)).

(A) Special Fishing Methods Restrictions:

1. Only barbless hooks may be used.
2. ~~Where bait use is allowed, bait may be used only with single hooks having a gap between the point and shank between 1/2 and 1 inch, or with multiple hooks having a gap between the point and shank between 1/4 and 1/2 inch. Exception: there is no minimum hook size below the Highway 101 bridge.~~
2. Maximum Length of Shank: Hooks with shanks longer than two inches are prohibited.
3. Maximum Gaps: No person shall use any single hook with a gap greater than 5/8 inch or any multiple hooks with a gap greater than 1/2 inch.
4. Weight Attachment Restrictions: All weight, unless part of a manufactured or conventional lure, must be attached above the hooks. It is unlawful to use any hook which is directly or indirectly attached closer than 18 inches to any weight exceeding 1/2 ounce unless the weight is part of a manufactured or conventional lure.
5. ~~3.~~ During closures to the take of adult salmon, anglers shall not remove any adult king salmon from the water by any means, such as by dragging the fish on shore or using a net.
4. ~~In the Klamath River, within 100 yards of the channel through the spit formed at the mouth, weights may be used only if hard tied to a drop line that is between 12 inches and 24 inches long and that is attached to the main fishing line no more than 36 inches above the hook.~~

(B) General Area Closures:

1. No fishing is allowed within 750 feet of any Department of Fish and Game fish-counting weir.
2. ~~4.~~ No fishing is allowed from the Ishi Pishi Falls road bridge upstream to and including Ishi Pishi Falls from Aug. 15 through Nov. 1.
3. ~~2.~~ No fishing is allowed from Sept. 15 through Nov. 15 in the Klamath River within 500 feet of the mouths of the Salmon, the Shasta and the Scott rivers.

(C) Lower Klamath River Basin King Salmon Impact Quotas: NOTE: The Lower Klamath River Basin chinook salmon take is regulated using quotas. Accounting of the tribal and non-tribal harvest each year is closely coordinated during the period from August 1 through November 30. The term "impact quota" is the recreational catch of adult fall-run king salmon, plus the estimated number of adult fall-run king salmon lost as a result of hook-and-release mortality.

1. Quota for Entire Basin: The 20022003 Klamath River basin quota is a range between (1,200 – 20,500) king salmon over 22 inches total length. Separate quotas have been established from the mouth of the Klamath River to the falls at Coon Creek and from the falls at Coon Creek upstream to Iron Gate Dam, including the Trinity River from its confluence with the Klamath upstream to the Old Lewiston Bridge for five individual area subdivisions as listed below in subsection (b)(91.1)(C)1.a-e., with restrictions for each area designed to assure that the quota for the entire basin is not exceeded. The restrictions triggered by quotas apply only during the period from August 1 through November 30. The department shall inform the commission, and the public via the news media, prior to any implementation of restrictions triggered by the quotas. (NOTE: A Department status report on progress toward the quotas for the various river sections is updated daily weekly, and available at 1-800-564-6479.)

a. Spit Area (within 100 yards of the channel through the sand spit formed at the Klamath River mouth): This area is closed to all fishing after 15% of the Klamath River basin impact quota has been taken below the Highway 101 bridge. (Note: This provision only applies if the Department projects that the total Klamath River basin impact quota will be met.) ~~In 2002 2003, this number is 3,075 a range between (180 – 3, 075). (Also, see subsection (b)(91.1)(A)4. above.)~~

b. Klamath River Below Coon Creek Falls: No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin impact quota has been taken below Coon Creek Falls.

c. Klamath River from Iron Gate Dam to falls at Coon Creek:

(i) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from April 1 through July 31.

(ii) No person shall retain any salmon over 22 inches total length commencing 28 days after the Department determines that ~~may be retained after~~ 50% of the Klamath River basin impact quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin ~~above~~ below Coon Creek Falls.

Exception:

~~(iii)~~ King salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to the Interstate 5 bridge when the Department determines that the adult fall-run king salmon spawning escapement at Iron Gate Hatchery exceeds 8,000 fish.

d. Trinity River from the Old Lewiston Bridge to the Highway 299 West Bridge at Cedar Flat:

(i) Closed to fishing April 1 through the Friday preceding the fourth Saturday in May.

~~(ii)~~ (ii) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above Coon Creek Falls. Exception: ~~(iii)~~ King salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained from the Old Lewiston Bridge to the mouth of Indian Creek when the Department determines that the adult fall-run king salmon spawning escapement at Trinity River Hatchery exceeds 4,800 fish.

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e. Trinity River from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) downstream to the mouth of the Trinity:

(i) Closed to all fishing from April 1 through the Friday preceding the fourth Saturday in May.

(ii) No salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained after ~~16.5% of the basin quota has been taken in the Trinity River from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) downstream to the mouth of the Trinity, or~~ 50% of the basin quota has been taken in the Klamath River basin above Coon Creek Falls.

(D) Klamath River Basin General Seasons and Bag and Possession limits:

In anadromous waters of the Klamath River basin, except for those with special bag limits provided in subsection (b)(91.1)(F) below, the daily trout/salmon bag limit is 3 king salmon, but no more than ~~2~~ 1 king salmon over 22 inches total length, and 1 hatchery trout or ~~1~~ brown trout or 1 hatchery steelhead**. No more than ~~6~~ 4 king salmon over 22 inches total length may be retained in any 7 consecutive days. No more than ~~12~~ 8 king salmon may be possessed, of which no more than ~~6~~ 4 may be over 22 inches total length. (Note: Salmon bag limits change in some areas when quotas are reached (see subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above).)

(E) All anadromous waters of the Klamath River Basin are closed to all fishing all year, except those listed in subsection (b)(91.1)(F) below.

(F) Special Seasons. Daily Bag Limits, and Special Fishing Methods Restrictions for Waters of the Lower Klamath River Basin Which Have Open Fishing Seasons. Waters listed below are closed to all fishing except during the open seasons listed. Bag limits are for trout and salmon in combination unless otherwise specified.

| <i>Body of Water</i> | <i>Open Season and Special Regulations</i> | <i>Daily Bag Limit (if different from general bag limits in subsection (b)(91.1)(D) above)</i> |
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| 1. Bogus Creek and tributaries. | Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. | 0 |
| 2. Klamath River main stem from 3,500 feet below Iron Gate Dam to mouth. | All year. | Quota Area. See subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above. |
| 3. Salmon River main stem, main stem of North Fork, below Sawyer's | Nov. 1 through Feb. 28. | 0 |

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| Bar Bridge and main stem of South Fork below the confluence of the East Fork of the South Fork. | | |
| 4. Scott River main stem from mouth to Fort Jones-Greenview bridge. | Fourth Saturday in May through Feb. 28. | 0 |
| 5. Shasta River main stem from Interstate 5 to the mouth. | Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31 and Nov. 16 through Feb. 28. | 0 |
| 6. Trinity River and tributaries. | | |
| a. Trinity River main stem from 250 feet below Lewiston Dam to Old Lewiston bridge. | Last Saturday in Apr. through Sept. 15. Only artificial flies with barbless hooks may be used. | 0 |
| b. Trinity River main stem from Old Lewiston bridge to the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat. | Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. | Quota Area. Also see subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above. |
| c. Canyon Creek above the falls located about four miles above the wilderness area boundary. | Last Saturday in Apr. through Nov. 15. | 2 |
| d. Trinity River main stem from the Highway 299 West bridge at Cedar Flat downstream to the Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny). | Fourth Saturday in May through Aug. 31 and Dec. 1 through Mar. 31. | See subsection (b)(91.1)(D) above. |
| e. Trinity River main stem from Hawkins Bar Bridge (Road to Denny) to the confluence with the Klamath River. | Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. | Quota Area. Also see subsection (b)(91.1)(C) above. |
| f. Trinity River South Fork downstream from the mouth of Grouse Creek. | Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. | 1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** 0 king salmon |
| g. Trinity River South Fork from the mouth of Grouse Creek to the South Fork Trinity River bridge at Hyampom. | Nov. 1 through Mar. 31. | 1 hatchery trout or 1 hatchery steelhead** 0 king salmon |
| h. Hayfork Creek main stem, from Highway 3 bridge in Hayfork downstream to the mouth. | Fourth Saturday in May through Mar. 31. Only artificial lures with barbless hooks may be used. | 0 |

**Hatchery trout or steelhead are those showing a healed adipose fin clip (adipose fin is absent). Unless otherwise provided, all other trout and steelhead must be immediately released. Wild trout or steelhead are those not showing a healed adipose fin clip.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 200, 202, 205, 215, 220, 240, 315, and 316.5, Fish and Game Code. Reference: Sections 200, 205, 206, 215, and 316.5, Fish and Game Code.